Depositing of the Amount belonging to the Mahadeswara Temple, Kollegal, in an approved Bank.

Q.—1402. Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA (Palaiyam).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the outstanding balance of the Mahadeswaraswamy Temple (Kollegal Taluk) funds up to 1st July 1957 ;

(*b*) the place where the said amount has been deposited ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner has directed the temple authorities to deposit the amount in the Kollegal Sub-Treasury ;

(*d*) whether it is not a fact that there is a by-law of the Endowment Board that the temple funds shoud be deposited in any approved Bank ;

(*e*) whether they would propose to invest the temple funds in an approved Bank so as to be benefited by the interest available thereby ?

A.—Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Rs. 1,05,100.27.

(*b*) The temple funds were deposited in the Current and Savings Bank Accounts in the Vysya Bank, Ltd., Kollegal.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes, according to the rules framed under Section 100 (2) (*k*) of the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, Temple Funds should be deposited in Scheduled or Approved Banks or Government Securities, etc.

(*e*) Yes.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—I want to know whether the directions issued by the Commissioner to the temple authorities have been withdrawn or cancelled.

*Sri M. P. PATIL.—There is no question of honouring or dishonouring the instructions of the Commissioner. His instructions were there for all the Muzrai Institutions. In this case deposits were made and there was no question of dishonouring instructions.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—The instructions issued by the Commissioner were to deposit the amount into the Sub-Treasury. But the bye-laws were to the effect that it should be deposited in an approved Bank. I want to know whether instructions were cancelled.

Sri M. P. PATIL.—In this case the Commissioner had issued instructions under the impression that the Vysya Bank was not an approved Bank. In Madras State it was not an approved Bank. Therefore the question does not arise.

Income from the Muzrai Institutions and the measures to improve the emoluments of the staff of temples.

Q.—1430. Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO (Mysore City).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the annual income received from Muzrai Institutions ;

(*b*) the amount spent on the emoluments of the staff of the Temples ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that their scale of pay ranges from Re. 1 to Rs. 25 per month ;

(*d*) the steps they propose to take to improve their lot ;

(*e*) whether they are aware that the limit of expenditure fixed for temples nearly 100 years back, has not been revised in keeping with the rise in prices of the articles ?

A.—Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) and (*b*) There are nearly 14,966 Muzrai Institutions in the old Mysore State. The compilation of figures in respect of all these institutions would involve heavy labour and a lot of scriptory work.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Due provision is made for enhancement of the pay of the staff of the temples whenever scales of income and expenditure of the institutions are sanctioned, keeping in view the resources of the institutions.

(*e*) No. Expenditure scales are generally revised once in five years, the provision for several items under expenditure being reviewed in the light